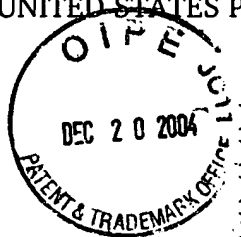


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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2004, the Applicants, through their attorney, respond as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.